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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 3, 2002 (Paper No. 15). This paper includes both a Response to the Restriction Requirement and a corresponding Preliminary Amendment, which the Applicants request the Examiner to enter.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner identified fourteen Groups of claims, designated Groups I-XIV. The Applicants elect the claims of **Group X** (claims 25-31, 37, and 38) to the extent that the claims relate to methods of determining whether a test compound alleviates a bone-related disorder requiring determining MRR protein activity. This election is made without traverse.

Preliminary Amendment

Prior to examining the elected claims on the merits, please amend the application as follows.